

W CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

3rd Sunday
After Epiphany
January 21, 2018

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome

Trinity Whitley

Prelude

Rod Gorby

*Call to Worship (*responsive*)

Will Hollimon

May God be gracious to us, and bless us, and cover us with the radiance of grace.

May Your way be known everywhere, God:

in the hidden places of our hearts;

in the comfort of our homes;

in every corner of our world;

in the farthest reaches of creation.

You transform us; you heal our lives;

You renew the earth and every creature:

Let our praise for You shake the rafters with songs of joy!

*Hymn No. 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Call to Confession

Sophie Beckham

Prayer of Confession

Sophie Beckham

Let us confess our sins to God.

We often think we must see You in order to believe You, Lord. Is seeing truly believing? We are prisoners of our senses, distrusting and rejecting whatever we cannot see, touch, or hear. (*Silent reflection*)

Yet You are faithful.

You give sight to the blind, You carry us when we are weary, You call us to Your side. The locked room of our hearts opens at the turn of Your key. Speak Your words of life to us again: "Do not doubt, only believe." Speak Your words of life, that we might live. Amen.

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Sophie Beckham

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen. Amen.

*The Passing of the Peace

Sophie Beckham

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(During the Passing of the Peace, children are invited to come forward for the time with our young disciples.)

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer With Our Young Disciples

Leigh Ramsey

(After the children's time, K-2nd graders may follow their leaders to Room 207 for Children's Worship.

Parents are welcome to take 3-5 year olds to the playground for Children's Enrichment.)

Sacrament of Baptism & Reception of New Members

Melanie Elizabeth Coker Black

Elizabeth Ann Black

Gregory Keck Black (Reaffirmation of Faith)

Choral Response:

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ
our King; born of the Spirit, we are God's children, faithfully now God's
praises we sing.**

Scripture Lesson

Numbers 22:22-35 (*pew Bible p. 124*)

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A Talking Donkey

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Response to the Word

*Hymn No. 410

God is Calling Through the Whisper

Offering

Offertory

Speak, O Lord

Chancel Choir

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness. That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility; test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity. Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority. Words of pow'r that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us: Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

Prayer of Dedication *(responsive)*

Will Hollimon

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith

from *The Confession of 1967*

Brad Clayton

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to Himself. We confess that Jesus Christ is God with us. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete His missions. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all we confess about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Brad Clayton

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

*Hymn No. 838

Standing on the Promises

Sending Out Into the World

*Charge & Benediction

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*Choral Response

Amen

Hymnal p. 601

Postlude

Rod Gorby

*The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of
Joyce Fuller's 90th birthday on January 26, given by her loving family.*

*Live Simply, Love Generously, Serve Faithfully, Speak Truthfully, Pray Daily,
and Leave Everything Else to God*

New Sign-in Sheets. Please take a moment to register your attendance in the red books, then pass the book down the pew. When the book comes back your way, notice the names of those sitting on your pew so that you may welcome them! If you scan the QR code on the sheets, it will take you to the Faith website, where you can discover all kinds of Faith information.

Usher in the New Year by serving as an usher at Faith! We are in need of additional people to serve as ushers on Sunday mornings. There will be a training session immediately after worship today, **January 21**, in the sanctuary. We would love to see families serving this way together — older children and youth are welcome! We hope to put together teams for each Sunday of the month. If you would be interested in serving, please use this sign up link or email Cheri Harkema, cheri@faithpcusa.org or sign up on the hard copy in the narthex. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090449aba72eaa8-2018>.

Faith Preschool & Kindergarten. Priority registration for the 2018/2019 school year has begun. Registration opens to the general public on Monday, **January 22**.

New Bible Study. All are invited to a Bible study on Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Room 110. We will study *Women of the Torah* and *Heroes of Israel* by Stephen Binz. The study is led by Ruth Reynolds and Becky Roche. A communal practice of scripture reading will be done at each meeting, group lectio divina, and discussion. Participants also read and reflect on 5 daily lessons and practice lectio divina in between lessons. The study began last Wednesday, and continues through February 14. Please let Trinity Whitley know if you are interested. Books are \$12.

Wednesday Night Alive begins with dinner at 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall (beef veggie soup, cornbread, salad, carrot cake), followed by programs for all ages. The Faith Formation group will join the Bible Study in Fellowship Hall to study Matthew 14.

Next Sunday we continue the *Old Testament Miracles* series with Brad Clayton's sermon, *A Prophet's Meal*, based on 1 Kings 17:8-16. Elijah was a conduit for many of God's miracles, and in this story Elijah teaches a woman that hospitality brings new life. In a story that may remind us of loaves and fishes, a woman shares her last meal, only to receive much more in return.

Fellowship Luncheon will be Sunday, **January 28**, 11:30 a.m., in Fellowship Hall. Thank you for bringing enough food to share with our guests according to the first letter of your last name: A-F dessert; G-M main dish; N-Z side dish. Please remember, no nuts or nut products.

Save the Date. Fr. Willam Meninger OCSO, Trappist monk, author, and international retreat master from Snowmass, CO returns to Faith Presbyterian to deliver a community wide 2018 Lenten Lecture, *Tools for the Spiritual Journey*, on Monday, **February 26**, 7-8:30 pm. Don't miss the opportunity to hear one of the great Christian wisdom teachers of our day. A free will offering benefitting St. Benedict's Monastery will be collected.



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